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1. The FDGB school in Bernau is the most advanced FDGB school in the DDR, ranking superior to all Kreis and Land schools. The capacity of the school is 150 students per instruction course, the students being accommodated in a boarding house where they are well provided for. The courses are conducted free of charge and participants are paid their regular wages or salaries while attending.
2. The main course is nine months in duration and is attended by an average of from 50 to 100 persons. Students are named by the committees of mass organizations, and high-ranking party functionaries are chosen exclusively to attend. The course is designed to give functionaries political training for diplomatic service, for prominent positions in the public service with emphasis on economy and administration, or to prepare them to attend the Forst Zinna (N 53/E 69) administration academy. Successful completion of the courses also entitles the student to attend courses at the Karl Marx School in Klein-Machnow (N 53/ Z 73). Subjects of instruction include dialectical and historical materialism, political economy, the history of the U.S.S.R. and of the Communist Party of the U.S.S.R. (Bolshevik) and the history of the labor union movement, the movement of the working class and lectures on imperialism.
3. The school also offers the following special courses:
 - a. Courses of about two weeks' duration for top FDGB staff functionaries. Persons admitted to these courses must successfully have completed courses at a Kreis or Land school or at an FDGB Bezirk school. However, persons with special knowledge gained from practical experience in FDGB administration are known to have been admitted, particularly in cases where a sufficient number of qualified persons to fill the quota were not available. The courses are designed to train the students for positions requiring especially reliable enterprise functionaries. Subjects of instruction are largely the same as those of the main course of instruction but are not covered as thoroughly. Instruction is conducted through lectures and working teams and also by independent study.

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- b. Courses for the industry labor union. These courses are also of 14 days' duration and are for the purpose of training enterprise functionaries to intensify their political activity in enterprises.
- c. Courses for seminary instructors for Kreis and Land schools. These courses are for the purpose of training instructors for Kreis and Land party schools. Persons selected for these courses include students of Land party schools who distinguished themselves by special achievements, and students of the Moscow Central School. Inasmuch as those in the latter category do not hold paying positions in the FDGB while attending this course, they are paid a monthly remuneration of 350 to 400 DM East. The course is of eight months' duration.
4. Among the instructors at the Bernau FDGB school are prominent men of learning of the Soviet Zone of Germany. The chief instructor is professor of Philosophy, Dr. Hermann Duncker.* Other include Juergen Kuczynski of the faculty of economy at Humboldt University, and one Bender (fnu), chief of the Central Office of Trade Organizations in Berlin. **

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